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Letter dated 4 August 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to call your attention to the continuing wave of Lebanese violations along the line of withdrawal. Some 100 new violations are listed in the annex to the present letter, which comes in addition to the previous lists that were last brought to your attention in our letter dated 13 July 2000 (A/54/939-S/2000/689).

The violations involve, *inter alia*, repeated encroachments onto Israeli territory from Lebanon, including the cultivation of land on the Israeli side and a variety of other cross-border infiltrations. On 1 August, members of the Hizballah terrorist organization broke a gate and penetrated 150 metres into Israeli territory, near the village of Avivim, where they proceeded to set up a battery encampment and mark it with a Hizballah flag. Later, in the same area, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) both reported that Hizballah members had penetrated into Israeli territory and planted a Hizballah flag. Each of these cases were added to the list of violations submitted to UNIFIL.

In addition, the Israeli side has incurred daily barrages of objects hurled from the Lebanese side, as well as attempts to damage and penetrate the border fence. People on the Israeli side have been pelted with glass, iron pipes, stones and, in a few instances, explosive objects, and threatened with guns pointed from the Lebanese side. These hostile acts have disrupted life along the northern border of Israel since the withdrawal of IDF from Lebanon. They also threaten the delicate stability of the border area. Just yesterday, an Israeli soldier suffered head wounds when he was attacked with stones thrown from the Lebanese side. He was the seventh person on the Israeli side wounded in such attacks.

The Government of Lebanon has taken no steps to prevent, restrain or even discourage these violations. Moreover, Lebanon has refused to disarm the militia groups, including Hizballah, that have perpetrated some of the violations. This policy of the Government of Lebanon stands in direct violation of Security Council resolution 425 (1978). The resolution calls not only for the withdrawal of Israeli

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forces but also for the restoration of international peace and security and the return of the effective authority of the Government of Lebanon in the area.

It should further be noted that Security Council resolution 1310 (2000) of 27 July 2000 expressly calls upon the Government of Lebanon to "ensure the return of its effective authority and presence in the south, and in particular to proceed with a significant deployment of the Lebanese armed forces as soon as possible," and to "ensure a calm environment throughout the south" (paras. 6 and 7). Clearly, this must include Lebanon's taking full control over the area in proximity to the fence with Israel, in order to prevent the violations and encroachments detailed above.

Lebanon, however, has refused to take any steps to achieve the "calm", the "utmost restraint" and "respect" for the line of withdrawal, as called for in the resolution (para. 5).

Now that Israel has withdrawn its forces, we call once again upon the other parties, chiefly the Government of Lebanon, to fulfil their remaining obligations under resolution 425 (1978), so that peace and security may come, at long last, to our common border.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ambassador Aaron **Jacob**
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Additional Lebanese violations (updated)

13 July - At 10:04 hours 15 individuals from the Lebanese side pelted a group of Israel Defence Force soldiers on the Israeli side with heavy objects in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

13 July - At 10:13 hours several people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 20318/29778) hurled stones at IDF soldiers.

13 July- At 10:41 hours several people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 20318/29778) aimed cocked weapons at a farmer in Israel until IDF soldiers arrived.

13 July - At 14:17 hours objects were heaved on IDF soldiers by a number of people from the Lebanese side near the Phatma Gate.

13 July - At 18:25 hours a mass of people from the Lebanese side hurled stones towards the Phatma Gate.

13 July - At 19:03 hours several people from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

13 July - At 20:15 hours several people from the Lebanese side threw stones and damaged poles just south of the Phatma Gate.

13 July - At 21:26 hours several people from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers at the Phatma Gate.

14 July - At 10:17 hours Israeli soldiers were attacked with stones by 20 people from the Lebanese side adjacent to the Phatma Gate.

14 July - At 10:45 hours 30 individuals from the Lebanese side attacked a group of Israeli soldiers near the Phatma Gate with a barrage of stones.

14 July - At 11:04 hours 20 people from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers and light pillars adjacent to the Phatma Gate.

14 July - At 11:18 hours Israeli soldiers were struck with stones thrown from the Lebanese side just south of the Phatma Gate.

14 July - At 13:00 hours Israeli soldiers were barraged with objects thrown by 50 individuals from the Lebanese side near the Phatma Gate.

14 July - At 13:17 hours a number of people from the Lebanese side threw stones at the border fence. As IDF soldiers approached, the individuals fled.

14 July - At 13:46 hours five individuals from the Lebanese side hurled objects at Israeli soldiers near the Phatma Gate.

14 July - At 14:21 hours a number of people on the Lebanese side attempted to tear the border fence just south of the Phatma Gate.

14 July - At 17:11 hours 25 individuals from the Lebanese side hurled objects at IDF soldiers adjacent to the Phatma Gate.

14 July - At 18:04 hours stones were thrown at the border fence by five people on the Lebanese side (AMR: 202819/297322).

14 July - At 18:48 hours heavy objects were hurled at Israeli soldiers and farming equipment by several individuals from the Lebanese side just south of Phatma Gate.

14 July - At 20:45 hours light pillars adjacent to the Phatma Gate were struck by stones thrown by five people from the Lebanese side.

15 July - At 12:58 hours approximately 40 people from the Lebanese side pelted an IDF post near the Phatma Gate with large objects.

15 July - At 10:32 hours several people from the Lebanese side heaved stones at an IDF post near the Phatma Gate.

15 July - At 13:49 hours a number of people from the Lebanese side threw objects at the Israeli side near the Phatma Gate.

15 July - At 16:03 an IDF post was barraged with stones thrust from the Lebanese side in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

15 July - At 20:25 hours boards and metal rods were hurled from the Lebanese side (AMR: 20302/29869) at farms in the Israeli town of Metulla.

16 July - At 11:40 hours 10 people from the Lebanese side threw stones at the Phatma Gate from a hotel nearby.

16 July - At 13:25 hours 30 people from the Lebanese side heaved objects at an IDF observation point in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

16 July - At 13:29 hours some 300 people from the Lebanese side heaved large objects onto the Israel side near the Phatma Gate.

16 July - At 14:08 hours several individuals from the Lebanese side hurled stones at an IDF patrol near the Phatma Gate.

16 July - At 14:34 hours approximately 40 people from the Lebanese side hurled a barrage of large objects at Israeli workers in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

16 July - At 17:39 hours several individuals from the Lebanese side threw objects at the border fence in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

16 July - At 17:48 hours an IDF point was pelted with stones by people on the Lebanese side in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

16 July - At 17:52 hours a border fence was struck with stones thrown by a group on the Lebanese side (AMR: 201379/295390).

16 July - At 18:12 hours a bottle filled with gasoline was hurled at an Israeli observation point by the Lebanese side (AMR: 203099/297760) in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate. The bottle shattered as it struck the observation point and gasoline leaked inside the structure.

17 July - At 10:14 hours a heavy metal rod was thrown at the border fence by people on the Lebanese side in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

17 July - At 11:31 hours two people form the Lebanese side (AMR: 204719/298830), one armed, threw objects at an IDF vehicle

17 July - At 14:55 hours a border fence was struck with stones thrown from the Lebanese side (AMR: 201820/295662).

17 July - At 16:06 hours IDF soldiers were pelted with stones thrown by 15 people on the Lebanese side in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

17 July - At 18:10 hours the Phatma Gate was barraged with stones hurled by individuals from the Lebanese side.

17 July - At 18:49 hours a portion of the border fence near the Phatma Gate was dented by a large metal stake thrown by the Lebanese side.

17 July - At 19:30 hours an IDF patrol vehicle was pelted with stones hurled by people on the Lebanese side (AMR: 197963/280156).

18 July - At 8:45 hours four individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 218365/303831), carrying binoculars, crossed the international border line.

18 July - At 10:10 hours several people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 197865/280066) hurled objects at the border fence.

18 July - At 10:11 hours Israeli soldiers were pelted with stones by several people on the Lebanese side near the Phatma Gate.

18 July - At 14:58 hours two individuals from the Lebanese side dressed in bullet-proof vests, one of the men armed, crossed the international border line into the Israeli side 1.5 kilometers northeast of N338 (AMR: 218329/303066).

18 July - At 18:45 hours six people from the Lebanese side hurled stones at IDF soldiers in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate. One of the individuals touched the border fence. Two minutes later, a man was observed in a market just west of the Phatma Gate, hurling a black bag at IDF soldiers, which landed on the Israeli side.

18 July - At 18:55 hours a number of people heaved building blocks on the fence at the Phatma Gate.

18 July - At 18:46 hours four people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 164260/277289) damaged an IDF patrol car by throwing stones at it. Additionally, several other individuals from the Lebanese side tore the fence.

18 July - At 19:57 hours several individuals from the Lebanese side just south of the Phatma Gate shook the border fence and also climbed on it.

18 July - At 20:39 hours a number of people from the Lebanese side hurled objects at a light pole near the Phatma Gate.

19 July - At 13:17 hours 50 individuals from the Lebanese side pelted Israeli soldiers with stones just south of the Phatma Gate.

19 July - At 16:45 hours 30 people from the Lebanese side threw a hail of objects at IDF soldiers adjacent to the Phatma Gate. Also, a large trash can was heaved onto the Israeli side.

19 July - At 19:46 nearly 30 people from the Lebanese side hurled large objects at IDF soldiers just south of the Phatma Gate.

19 July - At 19:47 hours 10 individuals from the Lebanese side hurled stones and a bottle of oil at Israeli soldiers in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

20 July - At 13:02 hours Israeli soldiers were attacked by a barrage of objects aimed by 37 people from the Lebanese side near the Phatma Gate.

20 July - At 18:42 hours IDF soldiers in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate were pelted with stones thrown by 15 individuals from the Lebanese side.

21 July - At 14:43 hours 50 people from the Lebanese side heaved large objects at an Israeli post just south of the Phatma Gate.

21 July - At 18:33 hours an IDF post was attacked with stones near Phatma Gate.

21 July - At 18:34 hours an Israeli post adjacent to the Phatma Gate was pelted with stones by seven people from the Lebanese side .

21 July - At 19:50 hours several individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 20295/29747) threw heavy objects at the Israeli side and climbed on the border fence just south of the Phatma Gate.

21 July - At 20:18 hours several people from the Lebanese side hurled stones at the border fence adjacent to the Phatma Gate.

21 July - At 20:44 hours an Israeli soldier was injured in the face when the light pillars of an IDF observation point just south of the Phatma Gate were attacked by a hail of stones from the Lebanese side.

23 July - At 10:30 hours four individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 164229/277335) heaved large objects at an IDF patrol and videotaped an IDF post.

24 July - At 19:35 hours 25 people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 1643/2771) hurled stones at the border fence.

25 July - At 20:01 hours 20 individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 1643/2771) hurled stones at an IDF patrol on the Israeli side.

25 July - At 21:18 hours an individual from the Lebanese side threw heavy objects towards the border near the Phatma Gate.

27 July - At 12:09 hours workers repairing the border fence were struck with stones hurled by several individuals on the Lebanese side (AMR: 2041399/2995409).

27 July - At 13:09 hours an Israeli civilian was pelted with stones by two persons from the Lebanese side at the Phatma Gate.

27 July - At 13:53 hours approximately six individuals from the Lebanese side thrust large objects at IDF soldiers monitoring Phatma Gate.

27 July - At 15:22 hours fragments of the original border fence were thrown from the Lebanese side at Israeli soldiers at the Phatma Gate.

27 July - At 16:47 hours an IDF patrol at the Phatma Gate was pelted with stones aimed by 10 people from the Lebanese side.

27 July - At 19:36 hours 20 individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 1642489/2773417) heaved large objects at the border fence.

27 July - At 20:16 hours 10 persons from the Lebanese side (AMR: 2023918/2966289) pelted an IDF officer with stones.

27 July - At 20:43 hours three individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 2031014/2978577) thrust large objects at the border fence.

28 July - At 9:11 hours several individuals from the Lebanese side pelted the border fence at the Phatma Gate with stones.

28 July - At 11:08 hours 10 persons from the Lebanese side hurled objects at the border fence at the Phatma Gate.

28 July - At 12:53 hours IDF soldiers were attacked by glass bottles thrown from the Lebanese side at the Phatma Gate. One Israeli soldier suffered injuries to his arm.

28 July - At 14:31 hours Israeli soldiers were pelted with stones hurled by four individuals on the Lebanese side at the Phatma Gate.

28 July - At 14:31 hours an individual from the Lebanese side threw objects at the border fence at the Phatma Gate.

28 July - At 19:09 hours five individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 1642489/2773417) threw large objects at the border fence.

30 July - At 8:40 hours several persons from the Lebanese side (AMR: 203014/298692) hurled stones at an IDF observation point and shook the border fence in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

30 July - At 11:35 hours some 150 people from the Lebanese side hurled a barrage of objects, including bottles, stones and sticks, to the Israeli side just south of the Phatma Gate.

30 July - At 13:37 hours an IDF observation point was pelted heavily with stones thrown by 20 people from the Lebanese side near the Phatma Gate.

30 July - At 14:11 hours 10 individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 202379/296608) hurled heavy objects at the border fence from a distance of approximately two meters.

30 July - At 14:16 hours 50 people pelted an IDF observation point with large objects from the Lebanese side in the vicinity of the Phatma Gate.

30 July - At 14:56 hours several people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 202237/295898) hurled stones at the Israel side.

30 July - At 14:58 hours in three different locations barrages of heavy objects were hurled from the Lebanese side to the Israel side. The first incident occurred at AMR 1: 202359/296277.The second was at AMR 2: 202237/295898. The third was adjacent to the Phatma Gate.

30 July - At 15:19 hours an individual from the Lebanese side sabotaged the border fence near the Phatma Gate.

30 July - At 17:12 hours 15 people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 205006/299002) heaved stones at Israel.

30 July - At 17:29 hours 30 individuals from the Lebanese side threw objects just south of the Phatma Gate.

30 July - At 18:11 hours 20 people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 202237/295898) hurled stones at the Israeli side.

30 July - At 18:38 hours 10 individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 202359/296277) damaged the border fence with volleys of heavy objects.

30 July - At 19:10 hours an IDF patrol car was attacked by 14 individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 219112/303635) throwing objects. Ten of them were clad in dark uniform.

30 July - At 19:40 hours approximately 20 people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 164248/277341) ripped the border fence.

30 July - At 20:06 hours an IDF observation point was pelted with heavy objects by 10 individuals from the Lebanese side just south of the Phatma Gate.

31 July - At 19:27 hours the border fence was damaged by a barrage of stones hurled by a group consisting of three vehicles and 15 people carrying cameras from the Lebanese side (AMR: 164237/277392). In the same location, shortly afterwards, four individuals from the Lebanese side threw stones and tore two barbed wires.

1 August - At 17:20 hours the border fence was sabotaged by a number of people from the Lebanese side (AMR: 170558/278185).

1 August - At 18:28 hours the border fence was kicked by individuals from the Lebanese side (AMR: 170692/278182). The fence was also sabotaged at a separate location nearby (AMR: 170558/278185).